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Comments: The Forest Service should drop its proposed Rangeland Management Directives.
If it wishes to amend its directives, it should undertake a more comprehensive rulemaking process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act. Livestock grazing degrades public lands. Its impact must be fully addressed through a transparent, public process that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act.
Any revisions should encourage voluntary grazing permit retirement to protect the National Forest system, including within Wilderness, so as to protect public lands, and wildlife.
Do NOT return grazing to the excessive levels permitted in the 1960s.
Please develop policies that ensure the agency will maintain authority for grazing management decisions and hold grazing permittees accountable for the impacts of their livestock.
The recovery of imperiled or threatened species needs to be prioritized so as not to jeopardize their recovery.
Please don't increase livestock grazing's contribution to the climate and biodiversity crises, or sacrifice what should be protected lands to the commercial livestock industry.